

The labeling requirement for the lot number on alcohol products

Subject: The labeling requirement for the lot number of production on alcohol products.

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Basis: According to Subparagraph 9, Paragraph 1, and Paragraph 5, Article 33 of Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act.

Content of the labeling requirement for the lot number on alcohol products:

- (1) The label of the alcohol products is required to bear the lot number of production.
- (2) According to the provision of Subparagraph 19, Article 3 of "Good Sanitation Standards for Alcohol Manufacturers", the lot numbers refers to specific characters, numerals or symbols that indicate the "lot" of the product, and the record of each lot of production can be traced back by the lot number. A "lot" number of a product refers to a specific amount of products produced by a particular line of production within a specific period of time. In the case that alcohol products are labeled the date of packing or expiration, and such date can be used to deduce the date of packaging, the date of packing or expiration can be regarded as the lot number of production.
- (3) The compulsorily labeling requirements for the lot numbers on alcohol products will come into effect from January 20, 2007. Moreover, from January 20, 2007, alcohol products without an indication of a lot number shall be subject to the penal provisions set forth in Article 54 of Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act.
- (4) For grape wine for which grapes are harvested and processed as grape wine once annually, the vintage year can be regarded as the lot of production.
- (5) For imported alcohol products bearing no indication of lot numbers, the importers of such alcohol products may give a code number to the alcohol products as a substitution for the lot number. In addition, the aforesaid code number should be provided for reference in the " Import Declaration" or the "Application for Inspection of Imported Alcohol " to facilitate audit by the competent authority in the case it is necessary.